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Chemical Fingerprinting of Materials Developed Due to Environmental Issues



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Chemical Fingerprinting



- **Aerospace Materials**
 - ***Critical to performance***
 - ***Replaced or modified due to environmental restrictions***
 - ***Vary in composition from simple to complex; organic or inorganic; gas, liquid, or solid***
 - ***Subject to variations in composition due to formulation changes, ingredient substitutions, degradation, contamination, and mislabeling***
 - ***Must be adequately tested to detect variations***

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• Building Blocks of Capabilities

Spectroscopy

- Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR)
- Raman Spectroscopy
- X-ray Fluorescence (XRF)
- Inductively Coupled Plasma/Atomic Emission (ICP/AES)
- Mass Spectrometry (MS)

Micro-Analysis

- Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM)
- Energy Dispersive Spectrometry (EDS)
- Micro-FTIR
- Micro-Raman
- Chemical Microscopy

Chromatography

- Gas Chromatography (GC)
- Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS)
- High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC)
- Gel Permeation Chromatography (GPC)
- Ion Chromatography (IC)

Surface Analysis

- X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy (XPS)
- Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometry (SIMS)

Thermal Analysis

- Thermal Gravimetric Analysis (TGA)
- Differential Scanning Calorimetry (DSC)

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- **Spectroscopic Techniques:** Atomic Spectroscopy
 - Used to identify and quantify elements present in samples

X-Ray Fluorescence

- *Rapid detection of elements of atomic number ≥ 11*
- *Solid & liquid samples, minimal sample preparation*
- *Quantification requires matrix matched standards*

Atomic Absorption

- *Rapid single-elemental quantitative analysis*
- *Sample must be in solution (accessory required for solids)*
- *Sample preparation may be time consuming*
- *Small linear response range, high matrix interference*
- *Not applicable to most non-metals*

Inductively Coupled Plasma/ Atomic Emission

- *Multi-element qualitative and quantitative analysis*
- *Sample must be in solution (accessory required for solids)*
- *Sample preparation may be time consuming*
- *Large linear response range*

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- **Spectroscopic Techniques: Molecular Spectroscopy**

- Used to identify and quantify molecular compounds present in samples

Infrared

Spectroscopy

- *Molecular functional group identification*
- *Applicable to solids, liquids, gases*
- *Not applicable to aqueous samples*
- *Minor components masked by major*
- *Complements Raman spec.*
- *Minimal sample preparation*
- *Extensive reference libraries*
- *Dipole moment change req.*

Raman

Spectroscopy

- *Molecular functional group identification*
- *Applicable to solids, liquids, aqueous*
- *Polarizability change required*
- *Not app. to colored or fluorescing samples*
- *Complements infrared spec.*
- *Minimal sample preparation*
- *Limited reference libraries*

Mass

Spectrometry

- *Organic compound identification*
- *Widely applicable to volatile samples*
- *Accessory required for non-volatile samples*
- *Extensive reference libraries*
- *Chromatographic detector*

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- **Chromatographic Techniques:**
 - Used to separate and quantify components in samples
 - Used in tandem with other techniques to identify components

Gas Chromatography (GC)

- Separation of volatile components *within mixtures*
- Quantitative or qualitative analysis
- Not applicable to thermally unstable components
- Not applicable to non-volatiles without derivatization

High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC)

- Separation of soluble components *within mixtures*
- Quantitative or qualitative analysis
- Sample must be soluble in suitable solvent (*many*)
- Method development time-consuming

Gel Permeation Chromatography (GPC)

- Separation of components based on molecular size
- Determination of molecular weight distribution
- Sample must be soluble in suitable solvent (*few*)

Ion Chromatography (IC)

- Separation and quantification of ionic species
- Applicable to organic and inorganic
- Method development time-consuming

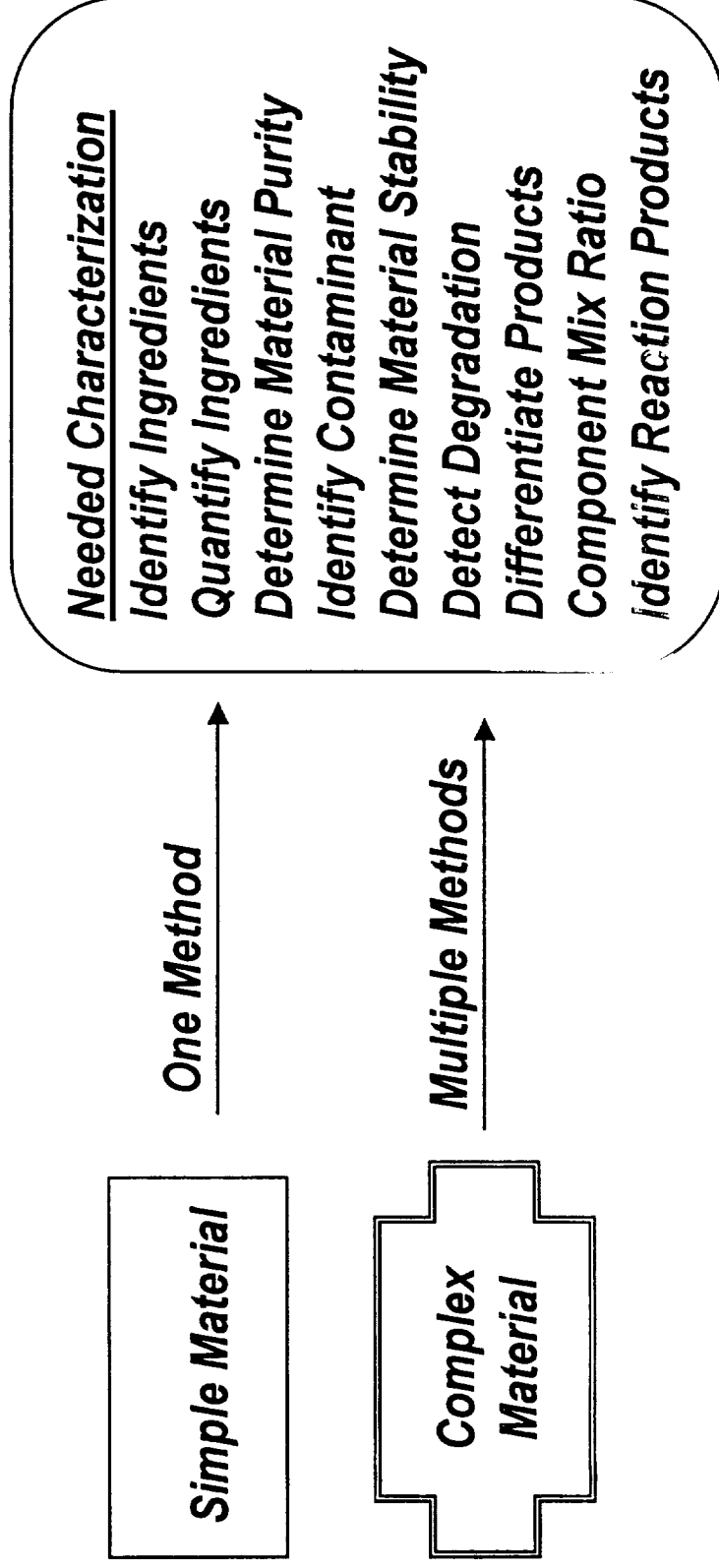
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- *Factors that Determine Fingerprinting Approach*
 - *Physical State:*
 - Solid, liquid, or gas?*
 - Homogeneous or distinct phases?*
 - Sample size?*
 - *Chemical Properties:*
 - Single ingredient or complex mixture?*
 - Major, minor, or trace components?*
 - Organic, inorganic, or combination?*
 - Masking of one component by another?*
 - Separation of components required?*
 - *Information Required:*
 - Qualitative or quantitative data?*
 - Bulk or surface composition?*

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- *Fingerprinting: Combination of instrumental analysis methods that diagnostically characterize a material*



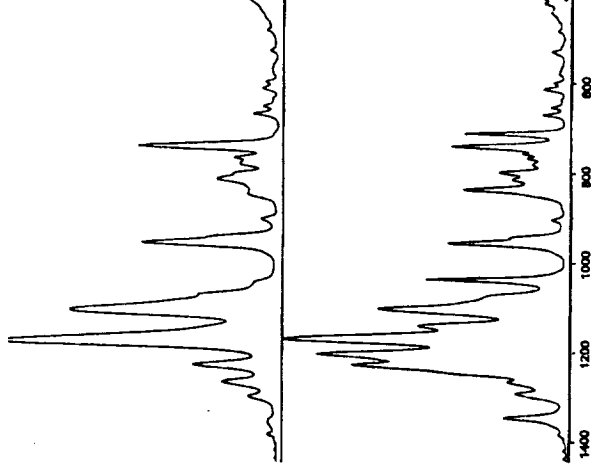
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- Simple Materials and Approach: HCFC-225 and HCFC-225G

HCFC-225G

Single Isomer
Trace Impurities



HCFC-225

Two isomers
Trace Impurities

FTIR:

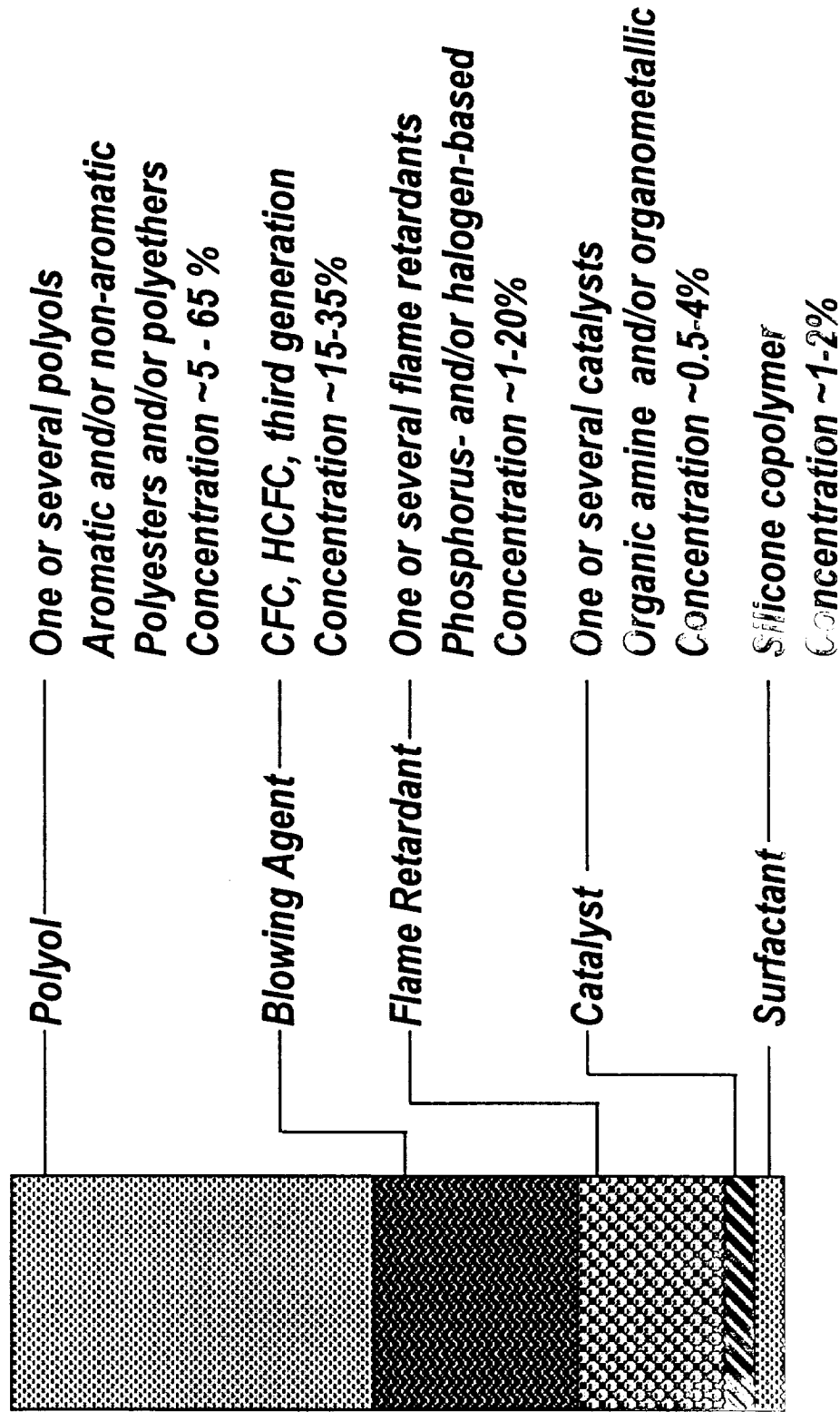
Rapid Differentiation

GC:

Isomer Ratio, % Purity

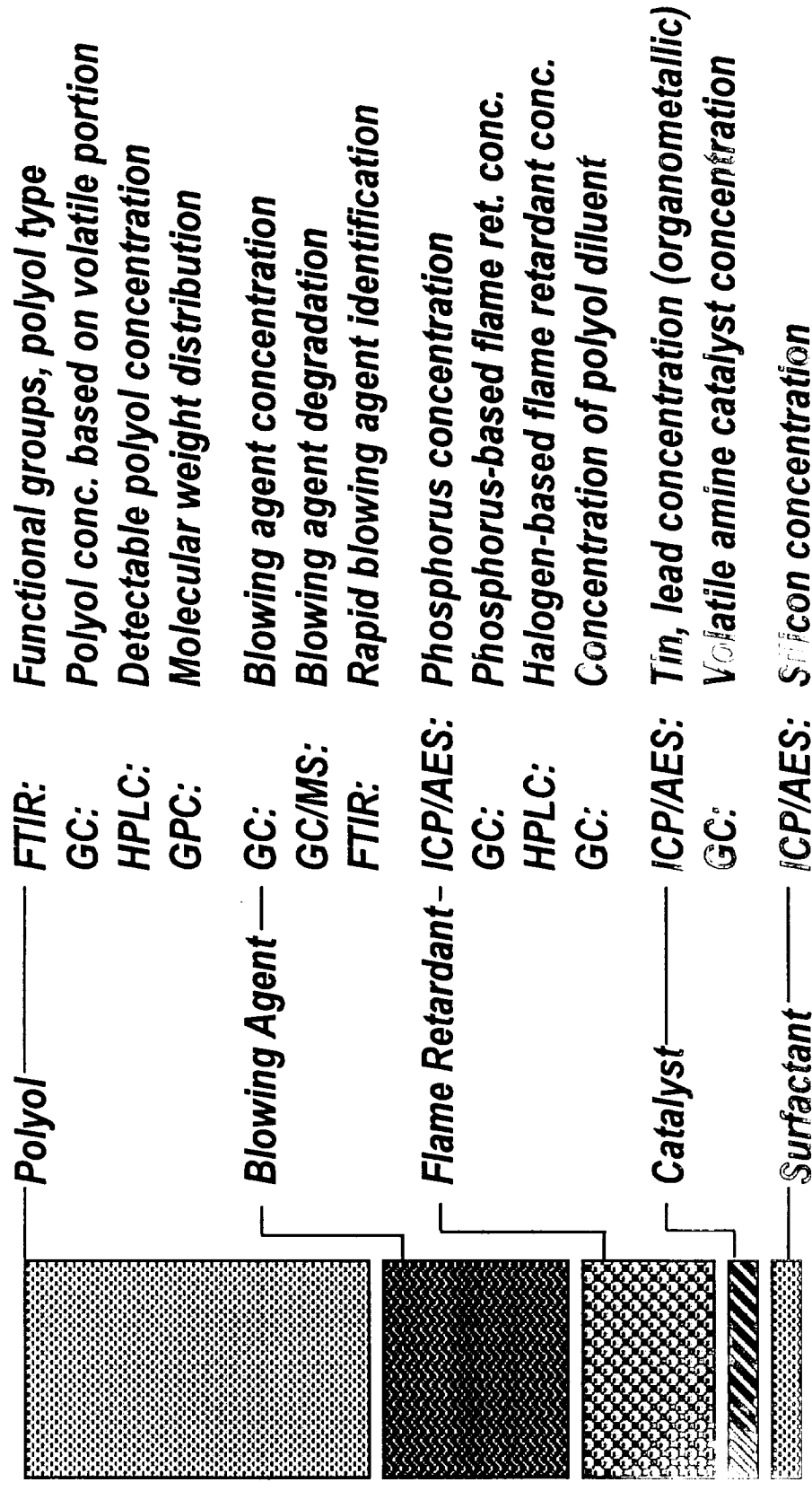
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• Complex Material Example: Urethane Foam Component



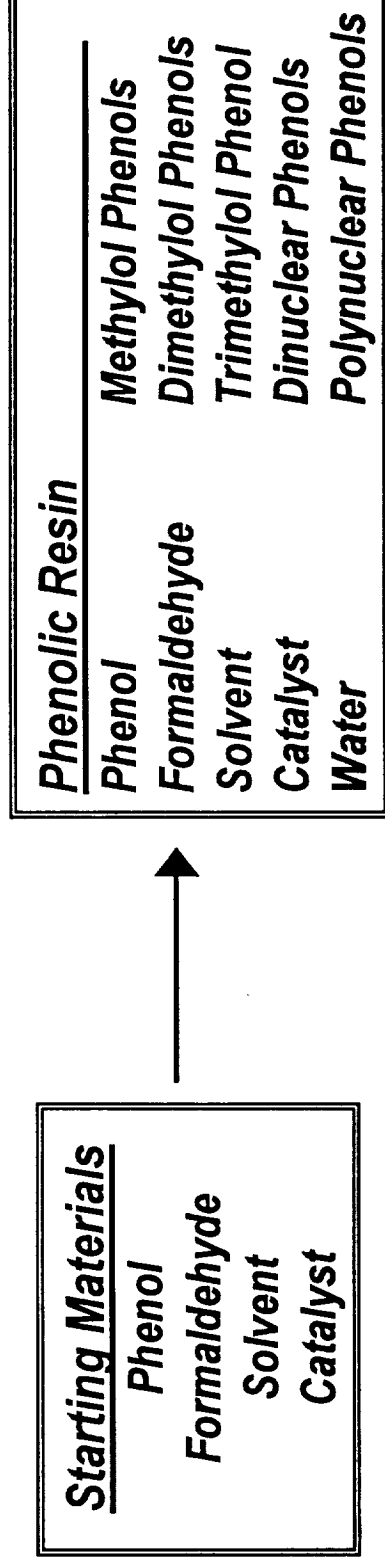
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• Complex Material Approach: Urethane Foam Component



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- Complex Material and Approach: Phenolic Resin



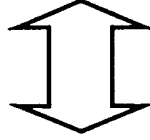
HPLC: Phenol and methylol phenol concentrations
GC: Solvent concentrations
GPC: Molecular weight distribution (resin advancement)
FTIR: Functional groups (resin advancement)
ICP/AES: Concentration of metal due to metal hydroxide catalysts
IC: Ammonium hydroxide catalyst concentrations
Titrations: Formaldehyde and water concentrations

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- *Supplier Partnership is Vital Element in Fingerprint Program*

Material Suppliers:

- *Provide information on formulation and chemistry*
- *Supply samples of formulation ingredients*
- *Avoid changes to material formulation when possible*
- *Notify us of necessary changes to material*

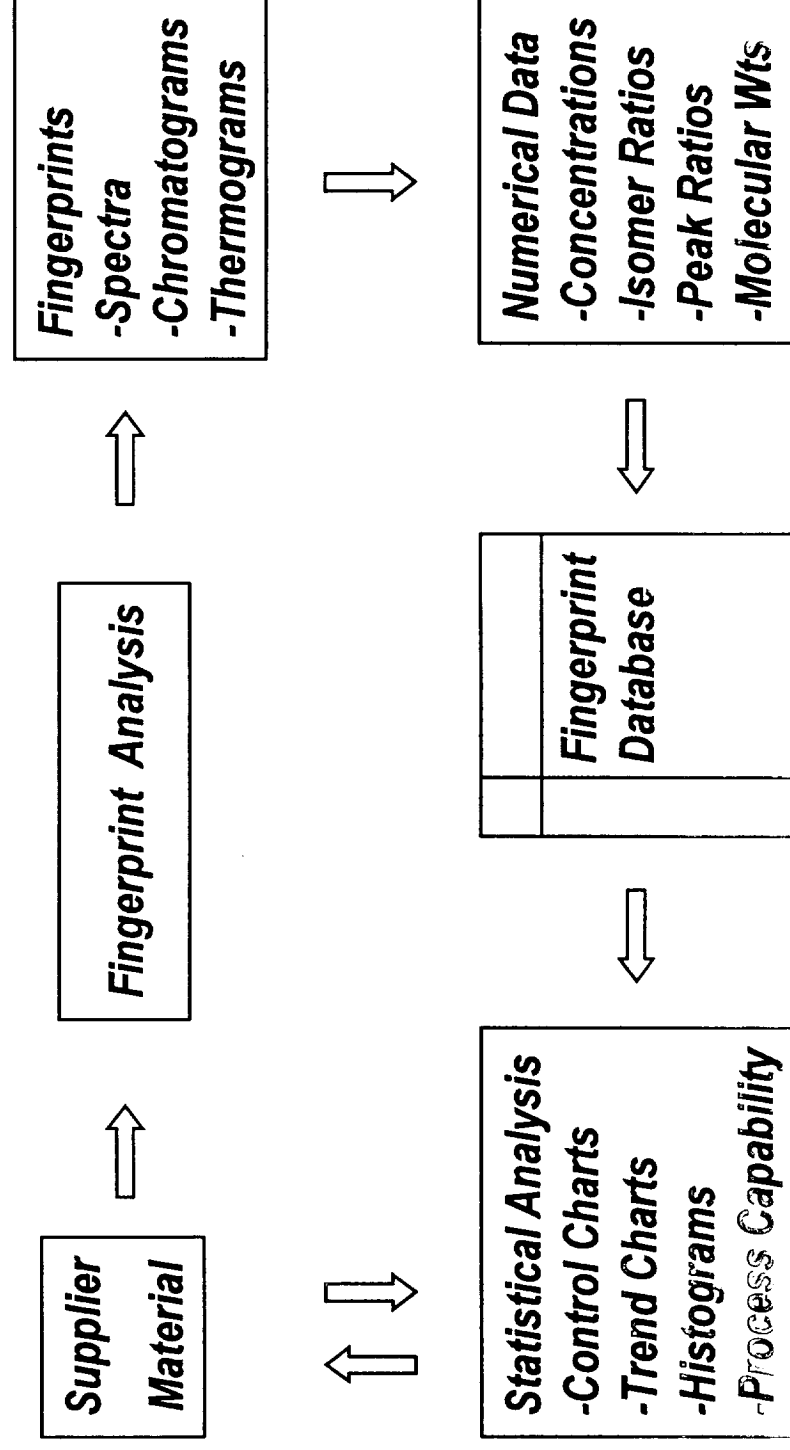


Fingerprinting Program:

- *Use information to understand material's chemistry and threats to availability*
- *Use information and samples to develop fingerprint methods*
- *Supply fingerprint data*
- *Safeguard proprietary information*

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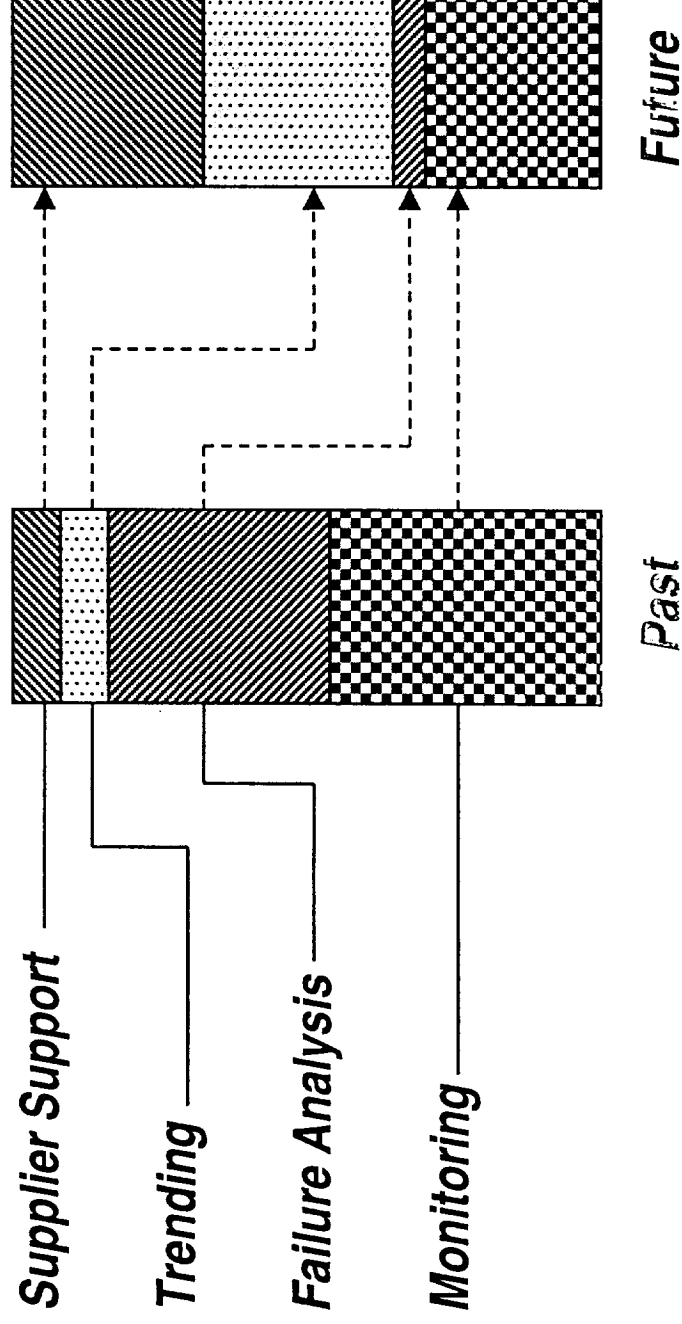
- *Fingerprint Databases & Trending to Detect Material Variations*



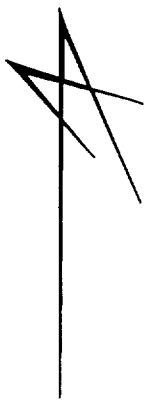
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- *Evolving Role of Fingerprinting in Aerospace Industry*



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- **Benefits:** *Fingerprinting provides benefits in the areas of receiving acceptance, failure investigations, new material development, and alternate material qualification*
 - *Multipurpose methods with diagnostic capability*
 - *Quantitative databases and reference libraries*
 - *Increased material reliability*
 - *Ensured future replication of successful materials*
 - *Expeditious problem resolution*
 - *Automated sample analysis*
 - *Reduced cost of material requalification*
 - *Increased supplier communication*

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